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SUBJECT: TRAVEL CONTROL AND SECURITY: ANATOLIY REUT

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1. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF PROCEDURES THAT DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES FOLLOW TO MAKE SURE THAT COMMERCIAL VISITS ARE WELL STAFFED OUT BEFORE AUTHORIZING VISAS, PARTICULARLY WHEN SOVIETS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING FIRMS WHICH DEAL WITH POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTS. PARTICULAR INTEREST RE THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD THE DECEMBER 1975 VISIT OF A SOVIET DELEGATION LED BY ANATOLIY REUT, DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE RADIO INDUSTRY, TO A NUMBER OF US COMPUTER MANUFACTURING AND RADIO FIRMS.

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2. DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ALERTED BY SOME FIRMS EVEN BEFORE

RECEIPT OF VISA APPLICATION TELEGRAMS OF NOV. 10 AND 19 THAT SOVIETS WERE PLANNING TO SEE AND LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT NECESSARILY PURCHASING ANY MATERIAL.

AFTER NOTING THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION AS WELL AS STATED PURPOSE OF VISIT CONTAINED REFTELS, DEPARTMENT MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO ALERT "HOST" COMPANIES AS WELL AS WEST GERMAN FIRM, INTERNATIONAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS (IPS) WHICH COORDINATED THE VISIT, ABOUT OFFICIAL US INTEREST IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND ITS ULTIMATE USE.

- 3. DEPARTMENT WAS INFORMED ON JAN. 16, 1976, THAT REUT DELEGATION MADE UNAUTHORIZED VISIT (DEC. 9, 1975) TO AMDAHL CORPORATION, A FIRM NOT CONTAINED ON ITINERARY FORWARDED BY COORDINATOR. SOVIETS REPORTEDLY WERE GIVEN GENERAL PRESENTATION CONCERNING FIRM'S PRODUCTS AND GENERAL TOUR OF MANUFACTURING FACILITY. FIRM, FORTUNATELY, HAD NO CLASSIFIED MACHINERY AND TOUR INCLUDED INFO OF SORT GENERALLY AVAILABLE IN COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS TRADE MAGAZINES. WE ARE, HOWEVER, DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT TECHNOLOGY SEEPAGE COULD OCCUR FROM UNAUTHORIZED VISITS OF THIS KIND, AND ON FEB. 20, DEPTOFF DURING MEETING WITH SOVIET EMBASSY COUNTERPARTS DESCRIBED THIS INCIDENT AND MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT UNAUTHORIZED VISITS TO US FIRMS WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. WE ARE ALSO MAKING OUR CONCERN KNOWN TO IPS.
- 4. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT USG CONCERN IS KNOWN IN MOSCOW, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY, AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL, INFORM THE SOVIETS (A) THAT THE REUT DELEGATION MADE AN UNAUTHORIZED VISIT TO A US FIRM, (B) THAT IT IS INCUMBENT UPON SOVIETS TO MAKE SURE TRAVEL TO ALL INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS CITIES ARE CLEARED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT BEFORE ANY TRAVEL TAKES PLACE, (C) THAT WE WISH TO MAINTAIN LIBERAL FLEXIBILITY SHOWN TO VISITING SOVIET COMMERCIAL VISITORS IN THE PAST, BUT IF SUCH BEHAVIOR SHOULD RECUR WE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
- 5. DEPARTMENT POUCHING OTHER RELEVANT MATERIAL RE REUT VISIT. INGERSOLL SECRET

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